

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-33 (Canceled)

34. (Previously Presented) A linkage assembly for mechanically coupling components of a receiver, the linkage assembly comprising:

a strip defining a plane;

a first portion of the strip being plastically displaced in a first direction from the plane;

a second portion of the strip being plastically displaced in a second direction from the plane and opposing the first direction;

the first and second portions defining a plurality of vertices, a first of the vertices adapted to be coupled to an armature of the receiver and a second of the vertices being adapted to be coupled to a diaphragm of the receiver; and

a first leg member and a second leg member formed from the strip, and coupled to a third of the vertices and a fourth of the vertices, respectively.

35. (Previously Presented) The linkage assembly of claim 34, the vertices being disposed in opposing pairs.

36. (Previously Presented) The linkage assembly of claim 34, the legs acting to restrict movement of the third vertex and the fourth vertex in a direction parallel to the legs.

37. (Currently amended) The linkage assembly of claim 36, the legs each having a coupling portion, the coupling portion being mechanically joined to the third and fourth vertices, respectively.

38. (Previously Presented) The linkage assembly of claim 34, each coupling portion being crimped to the third and fourth vertices, respectively.

39. (Previously Presented) The linkage assembly of claim 34, the first portion and the second portion defining a diamond shaped portion.

40. (Previously Presented) The linkage assembly of claim 34, the first portion being offset from the second portion, and the first and second portions being joined at the third and fourth vertices by a portion of the strip.

41-42. (Canceled).